

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14 and 15 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. Claims 1 and 7 were rejected as being anticipated over cited prior art. Claims 2-5, 8-11, 14 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Applicant has herein amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 5 which depended directly therefrom. As such, applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable for the same reasons that claim 5 was considered allowable in the Office Action. Applicant has also cancelled claims 5, 10, and 11. Applicant submits that the amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. The remaining claims 2-4, 7-9, 14 and 15 depend from claim 1 and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed above with regard to claim 1 and for the reasons as discussed in the Office Action.

No other objections or rejections are set forth in the Office Action.

Applicant notes that this response does not discuss every reason why the claims of the present application are distinguished over the cited prior art. Most notably, applicant submits that many if not all of the dependent claims are independently distinguishable over the cited prior art. Applicant has merely submitted those arguments that it considers sufficient to clearly distinguish the claims over the cited prior art.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4, 7-9, 14 and 15 as amended and presented herein.

In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

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